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Statewide CSAFE Academy Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 1 At Public Safety Education and Training Center 6852 4th St. in Sykesville

TOWSON, MD (April 30, 2007)---Law enforcement officers, parole and probation agents, juvenile counselors, and community leaders who are a part of Maryland's Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement (CSAFE) will gather for a three-day academy beginning tomorrow at 8:30 in Sykesville. The summit takes place at the Public Safety Education and Training Center, 6852 4th Street, on the grounds of the old Springfield State Hospital in Sykesville. Gary Maynard, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) will deliver opening remarks at approximately 8:40 a.m.

CSAFE is a statewide effort featuring agents from the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation (DPP), counselors from the Department of Juvenile Services, and local law enforcement working together to stabilize neighborhoods and better supervise ex-offenders. The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) is a critical component, providing funding and direction.

Governor Martin O'Malley has directed CSAFE to focus more intensely on repeat violent offenders in an effort to reduce recidivism and reduce the number of new victims in our neighborhoods. This academy will feature training for people who have joined the CSAFE team since last summer. Approximately half of those in attendance will be parole and probation agents, key players in the effort to monitor ex-offenders in neighborhoods all over the state.